

## **New Deputy Project Manager for Close Combat Systems Announced**

Doreen Chaplin has been selected to succeed Patti Felth as Deputy Project Manager for Close Combat Systems for Project Manager Close Combat Systems (PM CCS).

“We are pleased to select a candidate from within our community,” said COL Raymond Nulk, PM CCS. “Doreen brings over 20 years of practical program management experience from a breadth of prior assignments, as well as from leading a diverse portfolio at CCS. I know that she is well prepared to assume this challenging role.”

Chaplin previously served as Chief for the Networked Munition Systems/Demolitions Division of PM CCS, managing a diverse portfolio of 122 munitions and demolitions programs and responsible for total life cycle management. Prior to joining PM CCS, she served in the Office of the Army’s Project Manager for Search and Destroy Armor (SADARM) and Office of the Project Manager for Mines, Countermine, and Demolitions. Chaplin has worked extensively with Office of the Secretary of Defense special interest landmines programs as the Army subject matter expert on U.S. National Landmine policy as it relates to acquisition of alternatives to landmines and served as the landmine technical expert for the State Department negotiating landmine protocols for the United Nations Convention on Conventional Weapons in Geneva, Switzerland.

“The PM office is a very demanding, yet exciting and rewarding job. We interact across many aspects of the government and society,” said Chaplin. “This interaction includes working with Congress and its staffers on funding issues, engaging the economy through the industrial base, and, most importantly, interfacing with the military through the Soldier.”

Working in concert with scientists and engineers from the Army Research Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) and private industry partners, PM CCS has developed revolutionary advances in the technology of war and the creation of an intelligent battlefield. “I look forward to working with Doreen as we continue to lead CCS’ extended inter-disciplinary integrated product teams and exceptionally large and diverse mission area portfolio,” said COL Nulk.

Felth, who served as Deputy Project Manager CCS for seven years, has been selected to help create a new office in the Office of the Executive Director for Conventional Ammunition (O/EDCA). As Deputy Project Director for a new joint interest office, Felth has oversight over program management and industrial base readiness for air-dropped bombs/munitions for the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy. “Patti served PM CCS through a period of tremendous growth,” said COL Nulk. “She is leaving us a well-organized, mature, and engaged office.”

PM CCS’s mission is to provide smaller, lighter, more lethal munitions that will ensure increased mobility to the full spectrum of current Army forces and those envisioned for the next 20 years. Across its wide range of lethal and non-lethal munition systems, PM CCS manages over 200 separate programs, many of which are actively supporting Warfighters in Iraq and Afghanistan.